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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter dated 23 September 1994 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/49/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/49/100). A list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is set out in an addendum to the present document (A/C.3/49/L.1/Add.1*).

Programme of work

2. The suggested programme of work annexed to the present document has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee and General Assembly decision 48/431 of 20 December 1993 on the organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1994-1995. Other relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/49/250) and the availability of documentation as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services have also been taken into account.

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Length of statements

3. In view of the limited number of meetings available to the Committee during the session, it is suggested that the time-limit for statements be set at 10 minutes, with the exception of statements being made by the spokesmen of groups of delegations, which would be set at 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

4. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Third Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly completion of work and achieving necessary economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Third Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Working Group of the Third Committee

5. The Committee is reminded that, at its 59th meeting during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, on 15 September 1994, the Third Committee decided that the work of the Working Group should continue during the forty-ninth session under agenda item 100 (b). In order to permit full participation of all representatives, meetings of the Working Group will, to the maximum extent possible, not take place at the same time as meetings of the Third Committee itself. One meeting on 13 October and one meeting on 19 October have been allocated to the Working Group. Subsequent meetings will be announced.

Informal inter-sessional consultations of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development

6. The Committee is further reminded that, at its 16th meeting, on 2 September 1994, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development decided to request its Chairman and Bureau to organize informal inter-sessional consultations during the week of 24 October, in New York, in the framework of the General Assembly. The Third Committee is being requested to suspend its meetings during that week in order to enable the informal inter-sessional consultations to take place with the full participation of all States.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

7. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee, it is proposed that the Third Committee set a target date of 15 December for the conclusion of its work. In view of the decreased availability of conference services, it is highly unlikely that conference services can be counted on after that date.

Annex

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Tuesday, 4 October	a.m.	Election of the Bureau Organization of work
Week of 10-14 October		
Tuesday, 11 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 93: a/ Elimination of racism and racial discrimination Item 94: a/ Right of peoples to self-determination Introductory statements and general discussion
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 93 and 94
Friday, 14 October	a.m and p.m.	Item 93) General discussion Item 94) (continued)
Week of 17-21 October		
Monday, 17 October	a.m and p.m.	Item 93) General discussion Item 94) (concluded)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 93 and 94
Wednesday, 19 October	a.m.	Item 95: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 95
Thursday, 20 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 95 General discussion (continued)

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Week of 24-28 October		
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: INFORMAL INTER-SESSIONAL OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATIONS b/		
Week of 31 October- 4 November		
Monday, 31 October	a.m.	Item 95 General discussion (continued)
Tuesday, 1 November	a.m.	Item 95 General discussion (concluded)
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 95
Wednesday, 2 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 98: International drug control Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 98
Thursday, 3 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 98 General discussion (continued)
Friday, 4 November	p.m.	Item 98 General discussion (concluded)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 98
Week of 7-11 November		
Tuesday, 8 November	p.m.	Item 99: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 99

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Wednesday, 9 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 99 General discussion (continued)
Thursday, 10 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 99 General discussion (concluded)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 99
Friday, 11 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 101: Promotion and protection of the rights of children
		Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 101
Week of 14-18 November		
Monday, 14 November	a.m.	Item 101 General discussion (concluded)
	p.m.	Item 102: Preparation for and organization of the United Nations Year for Tolerance
		Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 101
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 102

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Tuesday, 15 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 103: Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
		Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 103
Wednesday, 16 November	a.m.	Item 103 General discussion (concluded)
	p.m.	Item 100 c/ Human rights questions: (a) Implementation of human rights instruments
		Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 103
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 100 (a)
Thursday, 17 November	a.m.	Item 100 (a) General discussion (continued)

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Week of 21-25 November d/		
Monday, 21 November	a.m.	Item 100 (a) General discussion (concluded)
	p.m.	Item 100 (b): Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms
		Item 100 (c): Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives
		Item 100 (d): Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
		Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 100 (a)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 100 (b), (c) and (d)
Tuesday, 22 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 100 (b), (c) and (d) General discussion (continued)
Wednesday, 23 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 100 (b), (c) and (d) General discussion (continued)
Friday, 25 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 100 (b), (c) and (d) General discussion (continued)

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Week of 28 November-2 December		
Monday, 28 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 100 (b), (c) and (d) General discussion (continued)
Tuesday, 29 November	p.m.	Item 100 (b), (c) and (d) General discussion (continued)
Wednesday, 30 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 100 (b), (c) and (d) General discussion (concluded)
Thursday, 1 December	a.m.	Item 97: Advancement of women Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 100 (b), (c) and (d)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 97
Friday, 2 December	a.m. and p.m.	Item 97 General discussion (continued)
Week of 5-9 December		
Monday, 5 December	a.m. and p.m.	Item 97 General discussion (continued)
Tuesday, 6 December	a.m. and p.m.	Item 97 General discussion (concluded)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 97
Wednesday, 7 December	p.m.	Item 96 Crime prevention and criminal justice Introductory statements and general discussion
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 96
Thursday, 8 December	a.m.	Item 96 General discussion (continued)

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered
Friday, 9 December	a.m.	Item 96 General discussion (concluded)
	p.m.	Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council
		Introductory statements and general discussion
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 96
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 12
		Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 12
Week of 12-16 December		
Monday, 12 December	a.m.	Introduction of all outstanding draft proposals
Thursday, 15 December	a.m. and p.m.	Adoption of all outstanding draft proposals

Notes

a/ See General Assembly decision 48/431. Items 93 and 94 are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

b/ The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, at its second session, decided to request the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to organize informal inter-sessional consultations during the week of 24 October, in New York, in the framework of the General Assembly. The Third Committee is being requested to suspend its meetings during that week in order to enable the informal inter-sessional consultations to take place with the full participation of all States (see A/49/24/Add.1*, decision 2/3).

c/ See General Assembly decision 48/431. Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (d) are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (d), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

d/ 24 November is the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

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Addendum

Status of preparation of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note provides information on the status, at 30 September 1994, of the documentation before the Third Committee.

The estimated date of submission of each document to Conference Services has been provided by the department or office responsible for its preparation.

Annex

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRD COMMITTEE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1994

Document symbol	Document title	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission to Conference Services	Projected date of issue
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council			
A/49/3	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1994	DPCSD	7 September	17 October
Item 93	Elimination of racism and racial discrimination			
A/49/18 (Suppl. No. 18)	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolutions 2106 (XX) and 48/90, para. 12)	HR	27 September	10 October
A/49/403	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 47/78, para. 6)	HR	21 September	10 October
A/49/404	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 48/89)	HR	21 September	10 October
Item 94	Right of peoples to self-determination			
A/49/402	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/93)	HR	21 September	10 October
A/49/362	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries (resolution 48/92)	HR	6 September	7 October
A/49/312	Letter dated 12 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 95	Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family			
A/49/24 (Suppl. No. 24)	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development on its first session (resolutions 47/92 and 48/100)	DPCSD		Issued

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A/49/24/Add.1	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development on its second session (resolutions 47/92 and 48/100)	DPCSD	28 September	14 October
A/49/434	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the resolution on policies and programmes involving youth (resolution 47/85)	DPCSD	27 September	14 October
A/49/204-E/1994/90	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/205-E/1994/91	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/213	Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (resolution 47/90)	DPCSD		Issued
A/49/435	Report of the Secretary-General on the plan of action to implement the long-term strategy of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (resolution 48/99 and ECOSOC resolution 1993/20)	DPCSD	27 September	14 October
A/49/307-S/1994/958	Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 96	Crime prevention and criminal justice Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/101 on the United Nations African Institute (resolution 48/101, para. 5)	UNOV		
A/49/350	Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken by States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations to combat alien smuggling (resolutions 48/102, para. 15)	UNOV	31 August	19 October
	Report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions and recommendations of the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime (resolution 48/103, para. 11)	UNOV		

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 (resolution 48/103, para. 15)	UNOV		
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/307-S/1994/958	Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/315	Letter dated 15 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 97 A/49/378	Advancement of women World Survey on the Role of Women in Development	DPCSD	13 September	17 October
A/49/38 (Suppl. No. 38)	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)	DPCSD		Issued
A/49/204-E/1994/90	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/205-E/1994/91	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/217-E/1994/103	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of INSTRAW and UNIFEM (resolution 48/111)	DPCSD		Issued
A/49/308	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 47/94)	DPCSD	14 August	19 October
A/49/314	Report of the Secretary-General on activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 48/107)	UNDP/UNIFEM	22 August	19 October

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A/49/340	Report of the Secretary-General on Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (resolution 48/108)	DPCSD	31 August	17 October
A/49/327	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolution 48/108)	DPCSD	23 August	17 October
A/49/354	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (resolution 48/110)	DPCSD	1 September	19 October
A/49/365-E/1994/119	Report of the ACABQ on the proposed merger of INSTRAW and UNIFEM	ACABQ		Issued
Item 98 A/49/317	International drug control Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 47/97 on the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances	UNIDCP		Issued
A/49/345	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Global Programme of Action by Member States (resolutions 45/148, 46/102 and 47/100)	UNIDCP	30 August	4 October
A/49/89	Note verbale dated 7 March 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/139-E/1994/57	Report of the Secretary-General on the System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, including agency-specific implementation plans (resolutions 48/12 and 48/112, sect. IV)	UNIDCP		Issued
A/49/369	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 48/112 on international action	UNIDCP	8 September	7 October
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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Item 99 A/49/12 and addendum (Suppl. No. 12)	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (resolution 48/116)	UNHCR		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on convening of a United Nations conference for the comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and migrants (resolution 48/113)	UNHCR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Central American Refugees (resolution 48/117)	UNHCR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 48/118)	UNHCR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (resolution 47/106)	DHA		
A/49/380	Report of the Secretary-General on emergency international assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Azerbaijan (resolution 48/114)	DHA	13 September	20 October
A/49/186	Letter dated 22 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/218-S/1994/801	Letter dated 6 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 100 A/49/57 and Corr.1	Human rights questions Letter dated 30 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/58	Letter dated 28 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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A/49/75-S/1994/180	Letter dated 15 February 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Gabon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/182	Letter dated 20 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/206	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/220	Letter dated 7 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/221	Letter dated 7 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/265	Letter dated 19 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/271	Letter dated 15 July 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of India and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/282	Letter dated 26 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/283	Letter dated 26 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/292	Letter dated 29 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/298	Letter dated 4 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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A/49/304	Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 100 (a)	Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments			
A/49/40 (Suppl. No. 40)	Report of the Human Rights Committee	HR	28 September	28 October
A/49/41 (Suppl. No. 41)	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child	HR		Issued
A/49/44 (Suppl. No. 44)	Report of the Committee against Torture	HR	27 June	14 October
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 45/175)	HR		
A/49/408	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 47/108)	HR	21 September	19 October
A/49/409	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (resolution 47/112, para. 15)	HR	21 September	14 October
A/49/364	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture (resolution 47/113, para. 10)	HR		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the 5th meeting of the chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies (resolution 48/120)	HR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on financing and adequate staffing for the operation of the treaty bodies (resolution 48/120)	HR		
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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A/49/261-E/1994/110	Report of the Secretary-General on preparation of a plan of action for a United Nations decade for human rights education (resolution 48/127)	DPCSD		Issued
A/49/264-E/1994/113	Letter dated 18 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/405	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 48/148, para. 6)	HR	21 September	18 October
A/49/426	Letter dated 23 September 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
E/1994/23	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	HR		Issued
Item 100 (b)	Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms			
A/49/36 (Suppl. No. 36)	Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141, para. 5)	HR		
A/49/188	Letter dated 22 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/264-E/1994/113	Letter dated 18 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/293	Letter dated 1 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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A/49/321	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 47/125, para. 10)	HR		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on development of public information activities in the field of human rights (resolution 47/128, para. 15)	HR		
A/49/410	Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral process (resolution 48/124)	HR	21 September	17 October
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat (resolution 48/129, para. 7)	HR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on activities of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development (resolution 48/130, para. 8)	HR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (resolution 48/131)	DPA		
	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals on the strengthening of the rule of law (resolution 48/132, para. 3)	HR		
A/49/415	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Declaration on Minorities (resolution 48/138)	HR	21 September	25 October
A/49/337	Letter dated 24 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/366	Letter dated 6 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/311	Letter dated 12 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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Item 100 (c)	Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Myanmar (resolution 48/150)	DPA		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (ECOSOC decision 1994/268)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq (ECOSOC decision 1994/278)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Haiti (ECOSOC decision 1994/266)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (ECOSOC decision 1994/263)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cuba (ECOSOC decision 1994/261)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (ECOSOC decision 1994/269)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (ECOSOC decision 1994/265)	HR		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic reports of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (ECOSOC decision 1994/262)	HR		
A/49/82	Letter dated 22 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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A/49/85	Letter dated 28 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/88	Letter dated 7 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/168	Letter dated 27 May 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/183-S/1994/733	Letter dated 20 June 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/186	Letter dated 22 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions adopted since 1973, the most recent of which is resolution 47/78 of 16 December 1992,

Expressing its satisfaction at the entry into force on 3 December 1982, of the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive and consider communications from individuals or groups of individuals under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/

1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

Recalling its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992, in which it endorsed the decision taken on 15 January 1992 by the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 2/ to amend paragraph 6 of article 8 of the Convention and to add a new paragraph as paragraph 7, of article 8, with the view to providing for the financing of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination from the regular budget of the United Nations,

Recalling the decision of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties that the amendments would enter into force once two thirds of the State parties had notified the Secretary-General as depositary that they agreed to the amendments,

Noting that, despite the above-mentioned decision, the amendments have not yet come into force,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; 3/

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the number of States that have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

3. Reaffirms once again its conviction that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and for action beyond the Decade;

4. Requests those States, which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. Requests the States parties to the Convention to consider the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. Urges all States parties which have not done so to take all necessary measures to enable the entry into force at the earliest possible date of the amendments to the Convention of 15 January 1992;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

2/ See CERD/SP/45, annex.

3/ A/49/403.

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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: draft resolution

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/

Reiterating the importance of the Convention, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations,

Aware of the importance of the contributions of the Committee to the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Reiterating once again the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially its most brutal forms,

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1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

Emphasizing the obligation of all States parties to the Convention to take legislative, judicial and other measures in order to secure full implementation of the provisions of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 2/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, in particular section II.B, relating to equality, dignity and tolerance, and General Assembly resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993, in particular paragraph 9.

Calling upon States parties expeditiously to notify the Secretary-General in writing of their agreement to the amendment 3/ to the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee, as decided upon at the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on 15 January 1992 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992,

Welcoming efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure interim financial arrangements for the financing of the expenses incurred by the Committee,

Stressing the importance of enabling the Committee to function smoothly and to have all necessary facilities for the effective performance of its functions under the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee, 4/

1. Commends the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for its work with regard to the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination 5/ and its contribution to the preparation of the third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination;

2. Encourages the Committee to contribute fully to the implementation of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and its Programme of Action, 6/ including by convening a joint meeting of the Committee and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

3. Welcomes the beginning of communication between the Committee and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and encourages its continuation;

2/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

3/ See A/49/499, annex I.

4/ A/49/499.

5/ Resolution 38/14, annex.

6/ Resolution 48/91, annex.

4. Also welcomes the devising of innovatory procedures adopted by the Committee for reviewing the implementation of the Convention in States whose reports are overdue and for formulating concluding observations on reports of States parties to the Convention;

5. Commends the Committee for its efforts in the area of prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures, and welcomes its relevant decisions; 7/

6. Expresses its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties have still not fulfilled their financial obligations, as shown in the report of the Secretary-General; 4/

7. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions; 8/

8. Urges States parties to accelerate their domestic ratification procedures with regard to the amendment concerning the financing of the Committee;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure adequate financial arrangements and appropriate means to enable the functioning of the Committee;

10. Calls upon States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions;

11. Strongly appeals to all States parties that are in arrears to fulfil their outstanding financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to invite those States parties that are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

13. Decides to consider at its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee and the report of the Committee.

7/ See A/49/18, chap. II and annex III.

8/ A/49/18.

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RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION

Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand and United Arab Emirates: draft resolution

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance, for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights, of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and embodied in the International Covenants on Human Rights, 1/ as well as in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Welcoming the progressive exercise of the right to self-determination by peoples under colonial, foreign or alien occupation and their emergence into sovereign statehood and independence,

Deeply concerned at the continuation of acts or threats of foreign military intervention and occupation that are threatening to suppress, or have already suppressed, the right to self-determination of an increasing number of sovereign peoples and nations,

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1/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

Expressing grave concern that, as a consequence of the persistence of such actions, millions of people have been and are being uprooted from their homes as refugees and displaced persons, and emphasizing the urgent need for concerted international action to alleviate their condition,

Recalling the relevant resolutions regarding the violation of the right of peoples to self-determination and other human rights as a result of foreign military intervention, aggression and occupation, adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth, 2/ thirty-seventh, 3/ thirty-eighth, 4/ thirty-ninth, 5/ fortieth, 6/ forty-first, 7/ forty-second, 8/ forty-third, 9/ forty-fourth, 10/ forty-fifth, 11/ forty-sixth, 12/ forty-seventh, 13/, forty-eighth, 14/ forty-ninth, 15/ and fiftieth sessions, 16/

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

3/ Ibid., 1981, Supplement No. 5 and corrigendum (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.

4/ Ibid., 1982, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1982/12 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

5/ Ibid., 1983, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.

6/ Ibid., 1984, Supplement No. 4 and corrigendum (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

7/ Ibid., 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22), chap. II, sect. A.

8/ Ibid., 1986, Supplement No. 2 (E/1986/22), chap. II, sect. A.

9/ Ibid., 1987, Supplement No. 5 and corrigenda (E/1987/18 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.

10/ Ibid., 1988, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

11/ Ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

12/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

13/ Ibid., 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

14/ Ibid., 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

15/ Ibid., 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

16/ Ibid., 1994, Supplement No. 4 (E/1994/24), chap. II, sect. A.

Reaffirming its resolutions 35/35 B of 14 November 1980, 36/10 of 28 October 1981, 37/42 of 3 December 1982, 38/16 of 22 November 1983, 39/18 of 23 November 1984, 40/24 of 29 November 1985, 41/100 of 4 December 1986, 42/94 of 7 December 1987, 43/105 of 8 December 1988, 44/80 of 8 December 1989, 45/131 of 14 December 1990, 46/88 of 16 December 1991, 47/83 of 16 December 1992 and 48/93 of 20 December 1993,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the right of peoples to self-determination, 17/

1. Reaffirms that the universal realization of the right of all peoples, including those under colonial, foreign and alien domination, to self-determination is a fundamental condition for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights and for the preservation and promotion of such rights;

2. Declares its firm opposition to acts of foreign military intervention, aggression and occupation, since these have resulted in the suppression of the right of peoples to self-determination and other human rights in certain parts of the world;

3. Calls upon those States responsible to cease immediately their military intervention in and occupation of foreign countries and territories and all acts of repression, discrimination, exploitation and maltreatment, particularly the brutal and inhuman methods reportedly employed for the execution of those acts against the peoples concerned;

4. Deplores the plight of the millions of refugees and displaced persons who have been uprooted as a result of the aforementioned acts, and reaffirms their right to return to their homes voluntarily in safety and honour;

5. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue to give special attention to the violation of human rights, especially the right to self-determination, resulting from foreign military intervention, aggression or occupation;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report on this question to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Right of peoples to self-determination".

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RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION

Cuba, Gambia*, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Aware that the development of friendly relations among nations, based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, is among the purposes and principles of the United Nations, as defined in its Charter,

Recalling the International Covenants on Human Rights, 1/ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2/ the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 3/ as well as the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 4/ adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

2/ Resolution 217 A (III).

3/ Resolution 1514 (XV).

4/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

Taking note of the progress made in the Middle East peace process, in particular the mutual recognition and the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government, signed in Washington, D.C. on 13 September 1993 by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, 5/ as well as the ensuing developments on the ground,

1. Reaffirms the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination;

2. Expresses the hope that the Palestinian people may soon exercise their right to self-determination in the current peace process;

3. Urges all States, specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to extend its support to the Palestinian people in their quest for self-determination.

5/ A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

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RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION

Cuba, Nigeria* and Viet Nam: draft resolution

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/92 of 20 December 1993 on the use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations concerning the strict observance of the principles of sovereign equality, political independence, territorial integrity of States and self-determination of peoples,

Urging strict respect for the principle of the non-use of threat or the use of force in international relations, as developed in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

Recognizing that mercenaries are used for activities that violate the Principles,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

Concerned about the menace that the activities of mercenaries represent for all States, particularly African and other developing States,

Alarmed at the continued international criminal activities of mercenaries in collusion with drug traffickers,

Recalling all of its relevant resolutions, in which, inter alia, it condemned any State that permitted or tolerated the recruitment, financing, training, assembly, transit and use of mercenaries with the objective of overthrowing the Governments of States Members of the United Nations, especially those of developing countries, or of fighting against national liberation movements, and recalling also the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Organization of African Unity,

Deeply concerned about the loss of life, the substantial damage to property and the short-term and long-term negative effects on the economy of affected countries resulting from mercenary aggression,

Convinced that it is necessary to develop and maintain international cooperation among States for the prevention, prosecution and punishment of mercenary activities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries 2/ and particularly the concern expressed therein at the continuation of mercenary-related activities despite General Assembly resolution 48/92;

2. Reaffirms that the use of mercenaries and their recruitment, financing and training are causes of grave concern to all States and violate the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Urges all States to take the necessary steps and to exercise the utmost vigilance against the menace posed by the activities of mercenaries and to ensure by legislative measures that their territory and other territories under their control, as well as their nationals, are not used for the recruitment, assembly, financing, training and transit of mercenaries or for the planning of activities designed to destabilize or overthrow the Government of any State and to fight the national liberation movements struggling against colonial domination and foreign intervention or occupation;

4. Calls upon all States that have not yet done so to consider taking early action to sign or to ratify the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries; 3/

5. Urges all States to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur in the fulfilment of his mandate;

2/ A/49/362.

3/ Resolution 44/34, annex.

6. Requests once again the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat, as a matter of priority, to put more effort into publicizing the adverse effects of mercenary activities, to render advisory services to States that are experiencing the consequences of mercenary activities and to consider the political and legal aspects of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Rapporteur;

7. Requests the Special Rapporteur to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the new elements identified in the use of mercenaries.

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Gambia*: draft resolution

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its faith in the importance of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Reaffirming also the obligation of Member States to comply with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the United Nations regarding the exercise of the right to self-determination by peoples under colonial and foreign domination,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1/ adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling the signing of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique 2/ at Rome on 4 October 1992, which provides for the termination of the armed conflict in that country,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

2/ S/24635 and Corr.1, annex.

Reaffirming the national unity and territory integrity of the Comoros,

1. Calls upon all States to implement fully and faithfully all the relevant resolutions of the United Nations regarding the exercise of the right to self-determination and independence by peoples under colonial and foreign domination;

2. Reaffirms the importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, national sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples as imperatives for the full enjoyment of all human rights;

3. Calls upon those Governments which do not recognize the right to self-determination and independence of all peoples still under colonial domination, alien subjugation and foreign occupation to do so;

4. Pays tribute to the Government and people of Angola for their noble contribution to the evolving climate of peace in southern Angola, and addresses its strongest appeal to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola to undertake to commit itself to the peace process that will lead to a comprehensive settlement in Angola on the basis of the Peace Accords;

5. Encourages both the Governments of South Africa and Angola to resolve bilaterally and to do their utmost regarding solutions to outstanding matters in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Security Council;

6. Calls upon the international community to continue to extend its generous support after implementation of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique and to assist the Government of Mozambique in the establishment of lasting peace and democracy and in the promotion of an effective programme of national reconstruction in that country;

7. Fully supports the Secretary-General in his efforts to implement the plan for the settlement of the question of Western Sahara by organizing, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, a referendum for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara;

8. Notes the contacts between the Government of the Comoros and the Government of France in the search for a just solution to the problem of the integration of the Comorian island of Mayotte into the Comoros, in accordance with the resolutions of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations on the question;

9. Strongly condemns the continued violation of the human rights of the peoples still under colonial domination and alien subjugation;

10. Calls for a substantial increase in all forms of assistance given by all States, United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to the victims of racism and racial discrimination;

11. Reaffirms that the practice of using mercenaries against sovereign States and national liberation movements constitutes a criminal act, and calls

upon the Governments of all countries to enact legislation declaring the recruitment, financing and training of mercenaries in their territories and the transit of mercenaries through their territories to be punishable offences and prohibiting their nationals from serving as mercenaries, and to report on such legislation to the Secretary-General;

12. Demands the immediate and unconditional release of all persons detained or imprisoned as a result of their struggle for self-determination and independence, full respect for their fundamental individual rights and compliance with article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 3/ under which no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;

13. Expresses its appreciation for the material and other forms of assistance that peoples under colonial rule continue to receive from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, and calls for a substantial increase in that assistance;

14. Urges all States, the specialized agencies and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to do their utmost to ensure the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to intensify their efforts to support peoples under colonial, foreign and racist domination in their just struggle for self-determination and independence;

15. Decides to consider this question at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Right of peoples to self-determination".

3/ Resolution 217 A (II).

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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Gambia*: draft resolution

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its objectives set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reaffirming also its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms and racial discrimination,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 2/ and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960, 3/

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

3/ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions, p. 119.

Recalling the adoption at its forty-fifth session of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, 5/

Acknowledging that indigenous people are at times victims of particular forms of racism and racial discrimination,

1. Declares once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, whether in the form of racial superiority or exclusivity, such as ethnic cleansing, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;

2. Welcomes the proclamation of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, which began in 1993, and adopts the revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. Calls upon Governments to cooperate more closely with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to enable him to fulfil his mandate;

4. Urges all Governments to take all necessary measures to combat new forms of racism, in particular by adapting constantly the means provided to combat them, especially in the legislative, administrative, educational and information fields;

5. Decides that the international community in general and the United Nations in particular should give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism and racial discrimination and intensify their efforts during the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to provide assistance and relief to the victims of racism and all forms of racial discrimination;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to accord special attention to the situation of migrant workers and members of their families and to include regularly in his reports all information on such workers;

7. Calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as a matter of priority, in view of its possible entry into force;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers, in the fields of education, training and employment, and to submit, inter alia, specific recommendations for the implementation of measures to combat the effects of that discrimination;

9. Urges the Secretary-General, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and relevant

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5/ Resolution 45/150, annex.

non-governmental organizations, in implementing the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, to pay particular attention to the situation of indigenous people;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to revise and finalize the draft model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination, in the light of comments made by members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its fortieth and forty-first sessions and to publish and distribute the text as soon as possible;

11. Renews its invitation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and education activities on human rights and against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education;

12. Considers that all the parts of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination should be given equal attention in order to attain the objectives of the Third Decade;

13. Regrets that some of the activities scheduled for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination have not been implemented for lack of adequate resources;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary financial resources are provided for the implementation of the activities of the Third Decade during the biennium 1994-1995;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to accord the highest priority to the activities of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit each year to the Economic and Social Council a detailed report on all activities of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, analysing information received on such activities to combat racism and racial discrimination;

17. Invites the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the General Assembly with a view to implementing, if necessary, the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

18. Invites all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate fully in the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

19. Also invites all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade of Action to Combat Racism and *Racial Discrimination, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to* continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives;

20. Decides to keep the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination" on its agenda and to consider it as a matter of highest priority at its fiftieth session.

ANNEX

Revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003)

INTRODUCTION

1. The goals and objectives of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are those adopted by the General Assembly for the first Decade and contained in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973:

> "The ultimate goals of the Decade are to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind on grounds of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, especially by eradicating racial prejudice, racism and racial discrimination; to arrest any expansion of racist policies, to eliminate the persistence of racist policies and to counteract the emergence of alliances based on mutual espousal of racism and racial discrimination; to resist any policy and practices which lead to the strengthening of the racist regimes and contribute to the sustainment of racism and racial discrimination; to identify, isolate and dispel the fallacious and mythical beliefs, policies and practices that contribute to racism and racial discrimination; and to put an end to racist regimes."

2. In drawing up suggested elements for the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, account has been taken of the fact that current global economic conditions have caused many Member States to call for budgetary restraint, which in turn requires a conservative approach to the number and type of programmes of action that may be considered at this time. The Secretary-General also took into account the relevant suggestions made by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its forty-first session. The elements presented below have been suggested as those which are essential, should resources be made available to implement them.

MEASURES TO REMEDY THE LEGACY OF CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES LEFT BY APARTHEID

3. The successful peaceful transition of South Africa to a democratic and non-racial society with human rights safeguarded by an entrenched Charter of Fundamental Rights has nevertheless left cultural, economic and social inequalities reflecting historical deprivation. Corrective action by human rights bodies will make a constructive contribution.

ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

4. During the discussion at the substantive session of 1992 of the Economic and Social Council concerning the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, many delegations expressed their concern with regard to new expressions of racism, racial discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia in various parts of the world. In particular, these affect minorities, ethnic groups, migrant workers, indigenous populations, nomads, immigrants and refugees.

5. The biggest contribution to the elimination of racial discrimination will be that which results from the actions of States within their own territories. International action undertaken as part of any programme for the Third Decade should therefore be directed so as to assist States to act effectively. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination has established standards for States, and every opportunity should be seized to ensure that these are universally accepted and applied.

6. The General Assembly should consider more effective action to ensure that all States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination fulfil their reporting and financial obligations. National action against racism and racial discrimination should be monitored and improved by requesting an expert member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to prepare a report on obstacles encountered with respect to the effective implementation of the Convention by States parties and suggestions for remedial measures.

7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to organize regional workshops and seminars. A team from the Committee should be invited to monitor these meetings. The following themes are suggested for the seminars:

(a) Seminar to assess the experience gained in the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The seminar would also assess the efficiency of national legislation and recourse procedures available to victims of racism;

(b) Seminar on the eradication of incitement to racial hatred and discrimination, including the prohibition of propaganda activities and of organizations involved in them;

(c) Seminar on the right to equal treatment before tribunals and other judicial institutions, including the provision of reparation for damages suffered as a result of discrimination;

(d) Seminar at the transmission of racial inequality from one generation to another, with special reference to the children of migrant workers and the appearance of new forms of segregation;

(e) Seminar on immigration and racism;

(f) Seminar on international cooperation in the elimination of racial discrimination, including cooperation between States, the contribution of

non-governmental organizations, national and regional institutions, United Nations bodies and petitions to treaty-monitoring bodies;

(g) Seminar on the enactment of national legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination affecting ethnic groups, migrant workers and refugees (in Europe and North America);

(h) Seminar on flows of refugees resulting from ethnic conflicts or political restructuring of multi-ethnic societies in socio-economic transition (Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia) and their link with racism in the host country;

(i) Training course on national legislation prohibiting racial discrimination for nationals from countries with and without such legislation;

(j) Regional seminars on nationalism, ethno-nationalism and human rights could also provide an opportunity for broadening knowledge of the causes of today's ethnic conflicts and particularly of the so-called policy of "ethnic cleansing", in order to provide solutions.

8. The General Assembly requests the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat to undertake specific activities that could be carried out by Governments and relevant national non-governmental organizations to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March each year. Support should be sought from artists, as well as religious leaders, trade unions, enterprises and political parties, to sensitize the population on the evils of racism and racial discrimination.

9. The Department of Public Information should also publish its posters for the Third Decade and informative brochures on the activities planned for the Decade. Documentary films and reports, as well as radio broadcasts on the damaging effects of racism and racial discrimination, should, moreover, be considered.

10. In cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Department of Public Information, the General Assembly supports the organization of a seminar on the role of mass media in combating or disseminating racist ideas.

11. In cooperation with the International Labour Organization, the possibility of organizing a seminar on the role of trade unions in combating racism and racial discrimination in employment should be explored.

12. The General Assembly invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and educational activities against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education.

13. The General Assembly calls upon Member States to make special efforts:

(a) To promote the aim of non-discrimination in all educational programmes and policies;

(b) To give special attention to the civic education of teachers. It is essential that teachers be aware of the principles and essential content of the legal texts relevant to racism and racial discrimination and of how to deal with the problem of relations between children belonging to different communities;

(c) To teach contemporary history at an early age, presenting children with an accurate picture of the crimes committed by fascist and other totalitarian regimes, and more particularly of the crimes of apartheid and genocide;

(d) To ensure that curricula and textbooks reflect anti-racist principles and promote intercultural education.

ACTION AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS

14. The following questions are addressed in the context of action to be undertaken at the national and regional levels: have there been any successful national models to eliminate racism and racial prejudices that could be recommended to States, for example, for educating children, or principles of equality to tackle racism against migrant workers, ethnic minorities or indigenous peoples? What kind of affirmative action programmes are there at the national or regional level to redress discrimination against specific groups?

15. The General Assembly recommends that States that have not yet done so adopt, ratify and implement legislation prohibiting racism and racial discrimination, such as the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

16. The General Assembly recommends that Member States review their national programmes to combat racial discrimination and its effects in order to identify and to seize opportunities to close gaps between different groups, and especially to undertake housing, educational and employment programmes that have proved to be successful in combating racial discrimination and xenophobia.

17. The General Assembly recommends that Member States encourage the participation of journalist and human rights advocates from minority groups and communities in the mass media. Radio and television programmes should increase the number of broadcasts produced by and in cooperation with racial and cultural minority groups. Multicultural activities of the media should be also encouraged where they can contribute to the suppression of racism and xenophobia.

18. The General Assembly recommends that regional organizations cooperate closely with the United Nations efforts in combating racism and racial discrimination. Regional organizations dealing with human rights issues could mobilize public opinion in their regions against the evils of racism and racial

prejudices directed towards disadvantaged racial and ethnic groups. These institutions could serve an important function in assisting Governments to enact national legislation against racial discrimination and promote adoption and application of international conventions. Regional human rights commissions should be called upon to publicize widely basic texts on existing human rights instruments.

BASIC RESEARCH AND STUDIES

19. The long-term viability of the United Nations programme against racism and racial discrimination will depend in part on continuing research into the causes of racism and into the new manifestations of racism and racial discrimination. The General Assembly may wish to examine the importance of preparing studies on racism. The following are some aspects to be studied:

(a) Study of the application of article 2 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Such a study might assist States to learn from one another the national measures undertaken to implement the Convention;

(b) Study of the economic factors contributing to perpetuation of racism and racial discrimination;

(c) Integration or preservation of cultural identity in a multiracial or multi-ethnic society;

(d) Study of political rights, including the participation of various racial groups in political processes and their representation in government service;

(e) Study of civil rights, including migration, nationality and freedom of opinion and association;

(f) Study of educational measures to combat racial prejudice and discrimination and to propagate the principles of the United Nations;

(g) Studies of the socio-economic costs of racism and racial discrimination;

(h) Global integration and the question of racism and the nations State;

(i) National mechanism against racism and racial discrimination in the fields of immigration, employment, salary, housing, education and ownership of property.

COORDINATION AND REPORTING

20. It may be relevant to recall that, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, in which it proclaimed the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the General Assembly charged the Economic and Social

Council with coordinating the implementation of the programme and evaluating the activities. The Assembly decides that the following steps should be taken to strengthen the United Nations input into the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination:

(a) The General Assembly entrusts the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for coordinating the programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connection with the Third Decade;

(b) The Secretary-General is invited to provide specific information on activities against racism, to be contained in one annual report, which should be comprehensive in nature and allow a general overview of all mandated activities. This will facilitate coordination and evaluation;

(c) An open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights, or other appropriate arrangement under the Commission, may be established to review Decade-related information on the basis of the annual reports referred to above, as well as relevant studies and reports of seminars, to assist the Commission in formulating appropriate recommendations to the Economic and Social Council on particular activities, allocation of priorities and so on.

21. Furthermore, an inter-agency meeting should be organized immediately after the proclamation of the Third Decade, in 1994, with a view to planning working meetings and other activities.

REGULAR SYSTEM-WIDE CONSULTATIONS

22. On an annual basis, consultations between the United Nations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations should take place to review and plan Decade-related activities. In this framework, the Centre for Human Rights should organize inter-agency meetings to consider and discuss further measures to strengthen the coordination and cooperation of programmes related to the issues of combating racism and racial discrimination.

23. The Centre for Human Rights should also strengthen the relationship with non-governmental organizations fighting against racism and racial discrimination by holding consultations and briefings with the non-governmental organizations. Such meetings could help them to initiate, develop and present proposals regarding the struggle against racism and racial discrimination.

24. The Secretary-General should include the activities to be carried out during the Decade, as well as the related resource requirements, in the proposed programme budgets, which will be submitted biennially, during the Decade, starting with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.